

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Senator Carsten, would you take up the committee amendments to LB 365, please.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I move the adoption of the committee amendments. The committee amendments do three things. First, the new deduction is only 1% and used only for purse supplements and breeder and stallion awards for Nebraska bred horses. It only deals with Nebraska bred horses. Secondly, any cost incurred by the Racing Commission will also be deducted from these funds and, third, it adds the emergency clause so it can go into effect as soon as it becomes law. Those are the committee amendments. I would move for their adoption.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: There being no persons wishing to speak to the committee amendments, we shall now vote on the committee amendments as explained to us by Senator Carsten.

CLERK: Senator Vard Johnson voting yes.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: We need a few more votes so we can get this bill taken care of. Record, please.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of committee amendments.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Do you have any further amendments on your desk?

CLERK: Mr. President, the introducers, Senator VonMinden and Senator Hefner move to amend the bill and the amendment is on page 681 of the Journal.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: All right, Senator VonMinden, would you speak to your amendment, please.

SENATOR VONMINDEN: It simply says that any racetrack that races three days a week or less may or shall pay this out. Thanks to the Legislature a year ago Atokad is still running, surviving, made a small profit and thanks to our Ak-Sar-Ben by paying the rest of our state debts, I think next year we will pay some money. This simply says that if we want to pay, we can, if we don't want to we don't have to. Under the circumstances the tracks running three days a week or less are hard hit to keep going, and if we make money, why we can pay it. If we don't make money, we don't have to.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I support the bill, Mr. Chairman, that's all.